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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AT HIGH LEVEL

1. SUMMARY: AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF INCREASED PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF AN IMMINENT MILITARY COUP, TERRORIST DEPREDATIONS IN RECENT DAYS HAVE ADDED TO A MOOD OF HEIGHTENED ANXIETY AMONG THE GENERAL POPULACE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE KIDNAPPINGS IN CORDOBA, WHICH HAVE RUN AT AN EXTRAORDINARY RATE IN PAST MONTH, CONTINUE UNABATED. IN ADDITION TO THE FIFTY PLUS VICTIMS REPORTED IN THE PRESS IN LAST MONTH, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT MANY MORE CASES HAVE GONE UNREPORTED. THIS, ALONG WITH THE BOMBINGS, SHOOTINGS, AND ECONOMIC UNREST IN THE PROVINCE, HAVE LEFT THE POPULACE DEEPLY FRIGHTENED AND ANGRY. BOMBINGS, MURDERS AND KIDNAPPINGS HAVE ALSO TAKEN PLACE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS IN SALTA, JUJUY, TUCUMAN, ETC., SPREADING MOOD OF ANXIETY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

3. IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL, IN ADDITION TO THE BOMBING OF ARMY HEADQUARTERS WHICH KILLED ONE PERSON AND WOUNDED TWENTY-EIGHT, TERRORISTS HAVE IN LAST 48 HOURS SET OFF OVER TWENTY BOMBS AND CARRIED OUT SEVERAL ATTACKS AGAINST POLICEMEN AND PROPERTY. A NUMBER OF POLICEMEN IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL, ONE IN MAR DEL PLATA, AND ONE IN LA PLATA, WERE KILLED IN THESE ACTS. IN THE BARRIO NORTE-PALERMO AREA OF THE FED CAPITAL,

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CELL OVER TWENTY STATES ENFORCED ON NIGHT OF MAR 16.
SEVERAL ARRESTED SUSPECTS HAVE REFERRED RECEIVING
THREATENING U.S. AND LETTERS DURING PAST FEW DAYS.
MOSTLY FOR HOMICIDES.

3. LEFTIST TERRORISTS HAVE TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
MAJORITY OF THESE ACTS INCLUDING USE OF BILOXEEN BOMBS
WAS SUSPECTED ACTS RETO. A REPORTED ORGANIZATION CALLED
IS ON THE MAN'S WANTED LIST. BOTH CURRENTLY AND ACTIVELY.
AMERICANS TRIED TO SEE RIGHT ACTIONS AS TERRORIST ATTEMPT
TO PUSH DISILLUSION INTO FINAL DECISIONS TO SETTLE FOR A LOSS.
AS OTE PAPER. CA REVISED. PUT IT. AND INCREASED SECURITY
IS VULNERABLE TO THE LEFTIST ACTS. CAN BE DISTRESSED
ACCEPT ATTACHED. CASE OF THOSE ONE INCREDIBLY SERIOUS FOR
DEMAND THE LEAVE AND PRIORITY OF THESE ACTIVITY CHANGED
AND SINCE PROBABILITY OF PRESENT INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE. THESE
OPPRESSIVE POLITICAL ACTS MAY SUCCEED.

5. WHILE LEFTIST TERRORISTS ARE CARRYING OUT STRATEGIES AT
AN ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL, THE SIDE OF INTERNAL STRAIN
SURFACED THIS WEEK. APPARENTLY REALIZING THAT SEVERAL RECENT
RELEASE RAISED HOPE RELEASED FROM JAIL
PRISON AND LEADER WHERE SUSPECTS. THE SUSPECTS ISSUED STATEMENT
RESPONSIBILITY WHICH TO DEATH FOR MURDER CHARGE OF
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